Analysis of the World Trade Organization

INSTRUCTIONS: *Follow the outline and collect information from the websites provided.*

A. HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. Describe GATT and its purpose.
2. Explain GATT's treatment of tariffs.
3. Major changes were instituted in the Uruguay Round and in Marrakesh, Morocco. What were the outcomes of these meetings?
4. Provide examples of how the issue of subsidies surfaces often in the history of WTO.

   - *http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/country_profiles/2430089.stm*

B. HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

1. Accession (becoming a member) is not automatic. Explain observer status.
2. Provide a BRIEF description of the accession process.
3. Identify 5 countries that are in observer status. (Refer to map)

   - *http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/acces_e.htm*
   - *http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/countries_e/org6_map_e.htm*

C. BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Provide a description of your assigned benefit.

   - *http://www.wto.org/english/theWTO_e/whatis_e/10ben_e/10b00_e.htm*

D. MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE WTO

1. Provide a description of your assigned misunderstanding.
2. How does this misunderstanding fit into the criticisms described in the BBC Profile article?

   - *http://www.wto.org/english/theWTO_e/whatis_e/10mis_e/10m00_e.htm*
   - *http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/country_profiles/2430089.stm*

E. HOW TO RESOLVE A TRADE DISPUTE

Summarize the process of dispute resolution. (Do not list ALL of the steps.)

   - *http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/disp1_e.htm*

F. CASE STUDY: COTTON DISPUTE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL

1. What is the primary disagreement between the U.S. and Brazil?
2. What is the outcome of the resolution process?

   - *http://www.coha.org/the-wto-cotton-dispute-how-the-u-s-is-trying-to-escape-international-trade-regulation-while-brazil-asserts-itself-as-a-regional-leader/*
   - *http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/press-office/press-releases/2010/june/us-brazil-agree-framework-regarding-wto-cotton-disput*